

MINE INSPECTORS

A Bill Introduced in the Legislature Creating this Office.

Arizona Divided Into Two Districts-- The Inspector to be Appointed by the Governor--Bill Introduced by Houston of Gila County.

Following is a bill introduced in the house last week by Representative Houston of Gila county. Mr. Houston is a member of Globe Miners' Union No. 60.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Arizona: Section 1. For the purposes of this act this territory shall be divided into mining districts, to be known as the northern and southern mining districts, the northern district to include Yavapai, Mohave, Coconino, Navajo and Apache counties, and the southern district to include Maricopa, Yuma, Pinal, Pima, Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham and Gila counties.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, to appoint a citizen of this territory, having not less than seven years' practical experience in mining in this territory, to the office of inspector of mines for each of said mining districts, to hold their said offices for the term of two years or until the appointment and qualification of their successor, who shall each take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by statute, and they shall each give bond to the territory in the sum of twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars, to be approved by the governor, conditional upon the faithful discharge of their duties. Such bonds shall be deposited with the secretary of the territory. Each of said inspectors shall receive annual salary of twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum, together with fifteen cents per mile for each mile actually traveled in the discharge of their duties, payable quarterly out of the general fund of the territory, upon warrants drawn by the territorial auditor upon the territorial treasurer. All accounts for mileage must be fully itemized and duly subscribed and sworn to before some officer authorized by law to administer oaths.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of such inspectors of mines to visit and examine any mine or piece of mining ground for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of the same in regard to its safety, ventilation and means of egress; and for this purpose he shall have access at any and all times to any mines, stopes, levels, winzes, drifts, cross-cuts, shafts, works and machinery for the purpose of such inspection, but the working of such mine must not be unnecessarily obstructed or impeded during such examination. The inspection must not be at the expense of the owner, lessor or agent of the mine or mining claim examined, but he or they shall render such assistance as may be necessary to enable the inspector to make the examination.

Sec. 4. Whenever the inspector of mines receives a complaint in writing setting forth that the mine named in such complaint is dangerous in any respect described, he shall, as soon as possible, in person, visit and examine such mine. Every complaint must specifically set forth the nature of the danger existing at the mine, and describe with as much certainty as possible how such mine is dangerous, and must set forth the time the cause of such danger was first observed by such complainant, and set forth whether or not any notice of such defect or danger has been given for the complainant or any one else to their knowledge to the superintendent, foreman or other person in charge of such mine, and if no complaint has been made to such superintendent, foreman or other person in charge, the reason why it has not been made.

Sec. 5. After such complaint shall have been received by the inspector of mines he must serve a copy thereof, but without the names of the complainants, upon the superintendent, foreman or owner of such mine or person in charge thereof, at any time before he visits the same, and as soon as possible visit and examine such mine; and if from such examination he ascertains that the mine from any cause is in a dangerous condition, he must at once notify the superintendent, foreman or person in charge, or owner, lessor, lessee, or agent thereof; such notice to be in writing, and to be served on such superintendent, foreman, person in charge, owner, lessor, lessee or agent in the same manner as provided by law for the service of a summons.

Sec. 6. Where any superintendent, foreman or other person in charge at any mine or mining claim being operated in this territory shall instruct any person to enter or work in any place in such mine or mining claim, knowing the same to be in an unsafe condition, such owner or person employing labor therein shall be liable to such employee and his legal representatives for any accident or injury received by such employee, whether such employee knew the unsafe condition of the mine or not.

Sec. 7. It is the duty of the inspector of mines, at least once in each year, in person, to visit each mining county in the territory and examine as many of the mines in the different counties as practicable, and make such recommendations as in his judgment are necessary to insure the safety of the workmen employed therein; and whenever, from his examination, he finds any mine being operated to be in an unsafe condition, he shall at once serve a notice upon the owner, lessor, lessee or agent

thereof as provided in the next preceding section.

Sec. 8. Whenever a serious or fatal accident occurs in any mine, it is the duty of the person in charge thereof to immediately notify the inspector of mines, and upon receiving such notice the inspector, in person, must at once repair to the place of the accident and investigate fully the cause of such accident, and, whenever possible to do so, the inspector shall be present at the coroner's inquest held over the remains of the person or persons killed by such accident and testify as to the cause thereof, and state whether in his opinion the accident was due to the negligence or mismanagement of the owner or person in charge. If the inspector cannot be immediately present in case of a fatal or serious accident occurring, it is the duty of the owner or person in charge of the mine to have written statements witnessing the same duly sworn to. In case of no person being present at the time of the accident, then the verified statement of those first present after the accident must be taken, and such statement must be given to the inspector.

Sec. 9. The inspector of mines must make an annual report to the governor on the first Monday of November in each year, and the report must state all the accidents that have occurred in the mines of the territory which have occasioned serious injury or have resulted fatally, together with the nature and the cause of such accident. Such report must also contain statistical and other information which may tend to promote the development of the mineral resources of the territory, and must set forth the result of the inspector's labors.

Sec. 10. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this act or obstructs or interferes with the discharge of the duties hereby imposed upon the said inspector is guilty of a misdemeanor, and in case of the inspector shall be by the governor removed.

Sec. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Attempted Poisoning.

William Charlton, a cowman employed on the ranch of Goldman, Bark & Criswell on the head of Lime creek, sixty miles north of this city, arrived in town last night. A little more than a week ago Mr. Charlton narrowly escaped death by poisoning, administered with the object of murder. He had hung up a quarter of beef outside his cabin and one morning cooked some of it for breakfast. He was soon after seized with convulsions. The suddenness and character of the attack made him think of poison. He quickly heated some lard and drank it and was relieved. He connected the poison with the meat, for all the other articles of food were kept in the cabin, which was locked. He examined the meat and found crystals of strychnine on it. The meat was frozen so the crystals had not been dissolved.

He suspected one of the two men employed in a sheep camp near by and found tracks made by a horse ridden by them within a half mile of his cabin. He had lately had trouble with both of them and had driven them off of his horse range. The trouble was not of a serious nature, or, at any rate not serious enough to put Mr. Charlton in fear of his life. It is a well known fact that sheep camps are always supplied with poison, generally with strychnine, because it is most effective. A bottle of it may be found in his pocket any time he is on duty. It is used by them to poison the half-eaten carcasses of sheep killed by lions which nearly always return the next night to finish the feast.—Phoenix Republican.

RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

Arizona & South Eastern Railroad

Pacific Time one hour earlier than City time

Northward			Southward		
Mixed	Distance	Stations	Mixed	Distance	Stations
First Class	from		First Class	from	
Daily	Bisbee		Daily	Benson	
5:00	0	Lv. Bisbee	5:53	55.3	P. M.
5:05	1.3	" South Bisbee		54.0	1:22
5:12	4.0	" Don Luis		51.3	1:10
5:25	8.8	" Naco Junction		45.5	12:55
5:32	12.4	" Packard		42.9	12:45
5:42	19.4	" Banning		35.9	12:25
7:07	25.2	" Water Tank		30.1	12:05
7:22	30.0	" Charleston		25.3	11:45
7:40	36.3	Ar. Fairbank		19.0	11:25
7:54	37.6	N.M. & A. Crossing		17.7	
7:55	39.6	" Contention		15.7	11:00
8:10	45.8	" Land		9.5	10:40
8:00	55.3	Ar. Benson		0	10:30

* Flag Stations—stop on Signal.

V. R. STILES, R. C. MORGAN,
G. F. & P. A. Superintendent.

Southern Pacific Railroad.

WESTBOUND.			EASTBOUND.		
Pass.	Time	Stations	Pass.	Time	Stations
Benson, leave	4:57 p. m.		Phoenix, arrive	6:30 a. m.	
Tucson, arrive	7:20 "		Phoenix, leave	10:42 "	
Maricopa, "	9:40 "		Phoenix, arrive	11:55 "	
Yuma, arrive	3:00 a. m.		Phoenix, leave	1:45 p. m.	
Los Angeles, arrive	12: noon.		Phoenix, arrive	3:30 "	
			Phoenix, leave	6:00 "	
			Phoenix, arrive	6:30 a. m.	

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